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NEW YMCA ADMINSTRATOR
PROMISES ACTION, NOT DREAMS

Ways in which dreams of social improvement can be given substance are getting top-priority attention from all YMCAs in Greater Montreal.

"Lofty idealism alone won't solve contemporary human problems", notes R.G. Rogers, 37, in his first official statement as General Secretary of the Montreal YMCA.

"Paths to solutions become even more clouded when there is ambiguity of purpose", he warns.

Mr. Rogers and Assistant General Secretary, R.D. Bannerman, 41, were appointed to their new posts July 1, 1968.

" Our emphasis is,increasingly, on the development of operating objectives which can convert general aspirations into specific and positive actions", says Mr. Rogers. "At the same time, we are increasing the relevancy of our activities to current individual and social needs."

He stresses that while the YMCA of Greater Montreal is one association, centralizing its information and planning, "the action is decentralized through eight branches and camps."

"Working within the broad policy set by the Metropolitan Board, each of these operating units sets its own priorities and develops the types of programs and activities most needed in the communities they serve."

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